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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1717

DELIVER TO NEA/ARN/DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. VARIOUS REPORTS IN PRESS AND OTHERWISE POINT TO A BROADENING OF THE GOVERNMENT IN NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, CHAMOUN HAS COME OUT AGAINST THIS MEASURE, RECOMMENDING GOVERNMENT REMAIN AS IT IS. THIS REPRESENTS A REVERSAL OF ROLES, SINCE UP TO NOW IT HAS BEEN JUMBLATT AND THE LEFT WHICH HAS BEEN RESISTING. CHAMOUN'S ACTION MAY DELAY GOVERNMENT WHILE CHRISTIAN-RIGHT REPRESENTATION IS WORKED OUT AS MOSLEM-LEFT PROBABLY HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS.

2. KIDNAPPINGS CONTINUED YESTERDAY AS WELL AS OTHER INCIDENTS. SALAM AND JUMBLATT MET WITH EDDE AT HIS HOUSE AMID GROWING SPECULATION THAT THEY ARE FORMING
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AN ALLIANCE (TO INCLUDE KARAME) BACKING EDDE'S CANDID-

ACY FOR PRESIDENT.

3. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS YESTERDAY
REVIEWED ECONOMIC SITUATION AND MADE DECISION TO
ALLOCATE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FOR LOANS AND OTHER ASSIST-
ANCE IN RECONSTRUCTING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. MORE
ON THAT BY SEPTEL.
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